

during the cannonade, and the tremendous precision of their fire, could only be equalled by the ardour with which they rushed to the assault. I recommend them all warmly to the protection of the Commander in Chief.

Having received a severe sabre wound at the first onset, whilst charging a party of the enemy who had rallied on their fore-castle, I was only capable of giving command till assured our conquest was complete, and then directing Second Lieutenant Wallis to take charge of the Shannon, and secure the prisoners, I left the Third Lieutenant, Mr. Falkiner (who had headed the main deck boarders) in charge of the prize. I beg to recommend these officers most strongly to the Commander in Chief's patronage, for the gallantry they displayed during the action, and the skill and judgment they evinced in the anxious duties which afterwards devolved upon them.

To Mr. Etough, the acting master, I am much indebted for the steadiness in which he conn'd the ship into action. The Lieutenants Johns and Law, of the marines, bravely boarded at the head of their respective divisions.

It is impossible to particularize every brilliant deed performed by my officers and men, but I must mention, when the ship's yard arms were locked together, that Mr. Cosnahan, who commanded in our main-top, finding himself screened from the enemy by the foot of the topsail, laid out at the main yard arm to fire upon them, and shot three men in that situation. Mr. Smith, who commanded in our fore-top, stormed the enemy's fore-top from the fore-yard arm, and destroyed all the Americans remaining in it. I particularly beg leave to recommend Mr. Etough, the acting master, and Messrs. Smith, Leake, Clavering, Raymond, and Littlejohn, midshipmen. This latter officer is a son of Captain Littlejohn, who was slain in the *Berwick*.

The loss of the enemy was about seventy killed, and one hundred wounded. Among the former were the four lieutenants, a lieutenant of marines, the master, and many other officers. Captain Laurence is since dead of his wounds.

The enemy came into action with a complement of four hundred and forty men; the *Shannon* having up picked some recaptured seamen, had three hundred and thirty.

The *Chesapeake* is a fine frigate, and mounts forty-nine guns, eighteens on her main deck, two and thirties on her quarter deck and fore-castle. Both ships came out of action in the most beautiful order, their rigging appearing as perfect as if they had only been exchanging a salute.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) P. B. V. BROKE.

To Captain the Honourable T. Bladen  
Capel, &c. Halifax.

*List of Killed on board His Majesty's Ship Shannon.*

- G. T. L. Watt, first lieutenant.
- G. Aldham, purser.
- John Dunn, captain's clerk.
- G. Gilbert, able seaman.

William Berilles, able seaman.  
Neil Gilchrist, able seaman.  
Thomas Selby, able seaman.  
James Long, able seaman.  
John Young, able seaman.  
James Wallace, able seaman.  
Joseph Brown, able seaman.  
Thomas Barr, ordinary seaman.  
Michael Murphy, ordinary seaman.  
Thomas Molloy, ordinary seaman.  
Thomas Jones, ordinary seaman.  
John O'Connelly, ordinary seaman.  
Thomas Barry, first class, boy.

MARINES.

Samuel Millard, corporal.  
James Jayms, private.  
Dominique Sader, private.  
William Young, private.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

William Morrisay.  
John Moriarty.  
Thomas German.

(Signed) P. B. V. BROKE, Captain.  
ALEX. JACK, Surgeon.

Admiralty-Office, July 10, 1813.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. and K. B. &c. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated at Bermuda, the 28th May, 1813.*

SIR,

I REQUEST you will inform their Lordships, that after the capture of the American privateers on the 3d of April, by the boats of the squadron, I continued my course up the Bay, and being of opinion that a light flotilla of small vessels would be of essential use in cutting off the enemy's supplies, and destroying their foundries, stores, and public works, by penetrating the rivers at the head of the Chesapeake; I directed Rear-Admiral Cockburn to take under his orders the *Maidstone*, *Fantome*, *Mohawk*, *Highflyer*, and three of the prize armed schooners; and the Rear-Admiral having selected a detachment, composed of one hundred and eighty seamen and two hundred marines; from the naval brigade of the squadron, together with Lieutenant Robertson, of the royal artillery, and a small detachment of that corps, which General Horsford, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bermuda, had been so kind, at my request, to permit to serve with me in the squadron, the whole proceeded upon the abovementioned service.

I herewith inclose a report of the operations of the advanced squadron, from which their Lordships will observe, that the enterprize was conducted with distinguished ability and gallantry under Rear-Admiral Cockburn, and most zealously and bravely executed by the Captains Burdett, Lawrence, and Byng, their officers and men; and I trust, that when their Lordships consider that this service was performed in the interior of the enemy's country, where the detachment was frequently opposed by superior force, and in a difficult and unknown navigation, that the behaviour of the officers and